



# PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division  
Vancouver, Washington Division  
Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
Salem, OR Bend, OR  
Camp Rilea (Warrenton, OR)  
Hillsboro, OR East Portland, OR*



## NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u>  <b>MP-10-0087-TC</b>	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u>  <b>Medical Reimbursement Technician (20154A/20153A) GS-503-5/6 \$33,013 to \$47,837 per annum (Based on full-time employment)</b>	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u>  <b>Days 10:30am- 6:30pm M-F</b>	4. <u>Duty Station</u>  <b>Inpatient &amp; Emergency Service Division, Portland Division</b>
5. <u>Type &amp; Number of Vacancies</u>  <b>Permanent 1 Full-time position</b>	6. <u>Contact</u>  <b>Human Resources Assistant 503-273-5236</b>	7. <u>Opening Date</u>  <b>2/18/2010</b>	8. <u>Closing Date</u>  <b>3/10/2010</b>

### WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees and permanent Title 38 Hybrid employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.

### MAJOR DUTIES:

The incumbent is responsible for the verification of veterans' insurance coverage for inpatient and outpatient services, entering updated information, and maintaining the database. Insurance coverage information is obtained through automated databases, direct patient contact, and contact with insurance companies. Incumbent verifies benefits, policy number, pre-certification requirements, insurance company contact information, and effective dates of coverage. Documents pre-admission requirements and identifies patients requiring second opinions. Responsible for all reimbursable billing activities including consideration of professional services and facility services, sharing agreements, Tricare, Champ VA, Medicare, and pharmacy billing. Validates claims for billing purposes ensuring eligibility and referring questionable coding for review; monitors reports to assure all possible billable cases are processed; and ensures proper sequencing; of diagnostic and procedural codes and assigns modifiers as needed. Incumbent is responsible for third party collection from insurance companies and for accounts receivable including humanitarian, DoD, Tricare tort feaser, workman's compensation, fugitive felon, ineligible, CHAMP VA, and no-fault auto accidents. Researches and resolves problems and posts payments, adjustments, denial codes, and non-payment collections. Follows-up on accounts receivable; determines the accuracy of reimbursement received; responds to correspondence and inquiries; expedites and maximizes collections; maintains records; and makes debt adjustments and assigns funds received to the correct account. Verifies the accuracy of payments, resolves problems and discrepancies, and closes out accounts. Incumbent responds to questions and inquiries from veterans and insurance companies. Audits accounts, insuring payments recovered by insurance carrier are posted in a timely manner to the veterans Category C bills. Performs other related duties as assigned.

### **THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT**

### QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

**Eligibility:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management Qualification Standards Handbook for GS-0503, Financial Clerical and Assistance series apply and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service office. Regulatory requirements such as "time-in-grade" and "time after competitive appointment" are applicable.

**Specialized Experience:** One (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade. Experience must have equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position and that are typically in or related to the work of the position. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

**Substitution of Education for Experience:** **GS-5:** 4 years of successfully completed education above the high school in any field for which high school level in any field for which high school graduation or the equivalent is the normal prerequisite is creditable. This must have been obtained in an accredited business, secretarial, or technical school, junior college, or university. **GS-6:** As a general rule, education is not creditable above GS-5 for most positions covered by this standard; however, graduate education may be credited in those few instances where the graduate education is directly related to the work of the position.

### **BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))**

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***On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to the rating factors may result in your application receiving a less than desirable rating.***

1. Knowledge of medical insurance terms, abbreviations, and benefits.
2. Experience in interviewing in order to extract complete and accurate information from insurance company representatives.
3. Ability to access various websites to determine eligibility and verify insurance coverage.
4. Knowledge of veteran's eligibility and third party payer regulations as they relate to insurance verification.
5. Knowledge of insurance authorization and pre-admission requirements.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

- Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future
- Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade
- Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.
- Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.
- If you are a male born after December 31, 1959, and are at least 18 years of age, civil service employment law (5 U.S.C. 3328) requires that you must register with the Selective Service System, unless you meet certain exemptions.
- A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.
- Public transit subsidy benefits are available. Carpooling assistance is provided. However, single occupancy parking is limited on main Portland campus.
- This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.
- This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis
- The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.
- It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

## **HOW TO APPLY:**

### **Portland VAMC Permanent employees must submit:**

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#) (due 3/17/10)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended. (due 3/17/10)
4. MPQ – Merit Promotion Questionnaire is optional but recommended if you have qualifications pertaining to the position applied for but are not in your OPF

### **Other VA Permanent Employees must submit:**

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#) (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612)
2. [VAF 4676a, Employee Supplemental Qualifications Statement](#)
3. [VAF 4667b, Supervisory Appraisal of Employee for Promotion](#) is optional but recommended.
4. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
5. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
6. Latest performance appraisal

### **Non VA Applicants must submit:**

1. [OF 612, Optional Application for Federal Employment](#) (attach additional sheets of paper if needed for additional job experience (in same format as application)), or Resume. (Please refer to [OF-510, Applying for a Federal Job](#) on the USA jobs website (<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>) for information on how to apply with a resume instead of OF-612)
2. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later).
3. Veterans Preference:
  - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (copy must display the required data which includes awards/medals/badges, dates and character of service) (For 5 Point Veteran's Preference).
  - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
  - c. VA letter or DOD documentation of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
4. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
5. Narrative statement relating to all of the KSAs. Candidates **must** submit a narrative statement on a separate page(s) with specific responses to all of the knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs) in this announcement. Failure to submit your narrative response to all of the KSAs will result in the applicant not being referred for the position.
6. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).
7. ITCAP Applicants: Submit proof by including a copy of the agency notice, most recent Performance Rating and most recent SF-50 indicating current position, grade, level, and duty station.

**All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 3/10/2010 (except as noted above).** Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, <http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/Portland/mc/hr>.

*Applications may be mailed to:*

Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS  
**Attn: MP-10-0087-TC**  
PO Box 1034  
Portland, OR 97207

*Or brought in person to:*

Portland VA Medical Center  
3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd  
Building 16, Room 300  
Portland OR 97239

## **APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:**

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.
- Foreign Education: To receive credit for education completed outside the United States, you must show proof that the education has been submitted to a private organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials and such education has been deemed at least equivalent to that gained in conventional U.S. education programs.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the

specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.

- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**